ufual, put up all tite Aldermen in order, who were not already in Parsiament.

On this, Mr. Alderman Wilkes delivered in a Note, which was reed, whereig he infitted on his Name not being put up, locking on himself as legal Representa-tive for the County of Middlesex; which was received with universal Applause. The Aldermen were then put up in order (leaving out Mr. Wilkes) whose Names were received with Applauses or Groans, as they were respected by their Fellow Citizens. Last of all the Name of Richard Oliver, Esq. was called over, when there was a green's holding as a first leave. when there was a general holding up of Hands, on which he was declared by the Sheriffs duly elected, with the loudest Acclamations. Mr. Oliver then came forwards, and addressed himself to the Livery as fol-

lows:

"Favoured as I have been, and now honoured by you, Gentlemen of the Livery, my Words cannot fufficiently express my Sentiments of Gratitude for your early and as yet unmerited Confidence reposed in me by the Choice you have unanimously made of me as your Representative in Parliament. To your general and warm Support it is owing that I have not had an Opponent; and this Circumstance is most pleasing to me, because it proves that your Spirit is not to be influenced or overuled whenever you think proper to

unite in the free Exercise of your Rights.

"I wish, Gentlemen, that I had already given you any Proofs that I shall not abuse the Trust you have any Proofs that I shall not abuse the Trust you have placed in me; but as I have not yet set in Parliament, accept my Assurances at present, that I will ever confider myfelf as deputed by you for your Benefit, and not for my own Advantage: That as, in the Course of my Life I never have received or defired, fo whether I have the Honour to continue an Alderman and Representative of the City or not, I never will accept, directly or indirectly, either Piace, Pension, Emolument, Contract, or Gratification of any Kind whatever, from the Crown or its Ministers. My sole Motives of publick Conduct shall be the Advancement of the Publick Welfare, and the reasonable honest Hope of your Approbation, free from every other Instuence or Consideration. I shall be obedient to the Instructions you have a Right to give to the Servants you ap-I will contribute my Share in any Manner to render Justice to the Freeholders of Middlesex, and in them to all the other Counties and Boroughs in Great-Bittain; for the Injury they have all received by being unia viully and most dangerously deprived of a Reprefentative in Parliament, who has been duly and re-psatedly elected by those who alone have and ought to have the Right of Election. I am confident, Gentlemen, that your only Security against the Abuse of that Power, which you intrust to your Representatives, that Power, which you intrust to your Representatives, must be a frequent Appeal to you by shortening the Duration of Parliament: By an effective; not a nugatory Place and Perifion Bill: By an adequate and true Representation throughout the Kingdom. For either and all of these Securities to the People my Vote shall most cheerfully be given, and my Endeavours most ftrenuously employed whenever the happy Time comes and through the perfevering Virtue of you, my Fellow Citizens, it muft come) that these effential Points can be obtained.-I will use my utmost Endeavours to remove the just Complaints of America, which operate to your present Disadvantage in a commercial Connexion, as well as in a political View; for the same System of Ipjustice and Despotism, if established against the Americans; will be exercised towards you; and the Principles of fair Government forbid that they should be tailed without Representation, as much as that the People of this Country should pay Taxes to which, or to the Continuance of which they have not

" I will eddeavour, Gentlemen, to the utmoft of my Abilites to act up to the Station in which you have reaced set. My. Life will be happily employed if I field ever it able to render you Services in any Measure equation to those of your late much-lamented Representative, whose Memory will be dear to me, as it is to every good Citizen; but though I should fail in these Wishes, I can at least promise you in full Conficence that I will equal him in the Integrity of his Heart, and in the Independence of his Spirit."

ANNAPOLIS, SEFTEMBER 27.

A few Days ago William Hayward, Efg; Chief Juffice of the Provincial Court, was sworn in One of his Lordshin's Honourable Council of State.

On Tuesday iast Edward Tilgeman, Esq; was unani-mously chosen Speaker of the Lower House of Assembly, in the Room of the late Robert Lioud, Efq; as also M. John Duckett, to be their Clerk, in the Room of Mr. Turbitt Wright, who refigned.

On Friday last the Dwelling House of Mr. Riebard Tilybnan Earle, of Quen-Anne's County, was unfortunately confirmed by Fire; as it happened in the Day Time, Mr. Earle saved almost the whole of his Furni-

On Monday laft the General Affenibly of this Province were to meet for the Difpatch of publick Bufinefs, but the badness of the Weather preventing a sufficient Number of Members from co were prorogued until the Day following, when his EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR opened the Selfion with to Town, they the following SPEECH:

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Henjes of Affembly,

AVING Regard to the temperate Season of the Year, the flated Terms of the Courts of Justice, and to the Convenience of your private Affairs, I have called you together at this Time, which, on those Considerations, will, I hope, prove agreeable to you.

Gentlemen of the Lower House,

Some Papers concerning Indian Affairs, I shall order to be laid before you: Confidering the peculiar Circumstances of this Country, the Incertainty with Respect to the Part the other Colonies might be induced to take in this Bufiness, and the Manner in which it

was communicated to me, it did not frike me as an to give him some Money to go out of the Province; he Object of so great Importance, as to require a particular Meeting of the General Assembly, at a very enfent Season, and therefore I reserved it for your Deliberation at this Time; to which I now recommend it; and that you will make fuch Provisions on the Subject as you may deem to be expedient, this Business remaining yet unsettled, Commissioners from One Neighbouring Province only having attended at the Place and Time appointed.

I have the Honour of a Letter from his Excellency

Lord Betetaurt, Governor of Virginia, written at the Request of the House of Burgesses of that Dominion, which I shall also order to be laid before you. His Lordship's earnest Solicitude and my Persuasion of the Propriety and Utility of the Measure, call upon me to recommend to you in the strongest Manner to join the Colony of Virginia in erecting and supporting a Light-House on Cape Henry.

Permit me to defire also your peculiar Attention to the State of our criminal Law; what Defects you shall discover therein it is in your Power to remedy: I have already experienced the Want of Precision on this Head to be productive of very great Inconvenience.

Gentlemen of both Houses,

Be affured that the Sanction of my Authority shall be given, with the utmost Alacrity and Satisfaction, to all such Regulations as your Experience has sound to be most conducive to the Prosperity of the Province, and your Prudence and Regard for the publick Good shall adopt and propose.

TO THE PRINTER.

MARYLAND, J.

THE DEPOSITION of David Atchifen, aged to Years, or thereabouts, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, That being in the Service of the Reverend Rennet Allen, of Frederick County, the said Allen, about Ten Days before the Races, that were at Annapolis in September 1769, set out from Frederick County afore-faid, to go to Annapolis: That about 20 Miles from Annapolis, the faid Allen afk'd this Deponent if could fight; this Deponent answered no, that he had not fought since he was a Boy at School; Mr. Allen then aik'd this Deponent if he knew the Use of a Stick this Deponent had in his Hand, which the faid Ailen had delivered this Deponent when they fet out from faid Allen's House, to ride with; this Deponent anfwered he did, and the faid allen then told this Deponent, that when he shook the Stick, a Sword or Spear would fly out, at the same Time making a Motion with his Hand, to show the Deponent the Manner of using it : That the said Allen told this Deponent leveral Gentlemen, in Annapetis, had sought his Life, in particular one Mr. Dalany, who, had challenged him, the faid Allen, one Sunday, to fight, as the faid Allen was either going to or from Church, which this Deponent does not well remember; and that the faid Dulary had hired one of his Negroes to lie in wait, on a Road that the faid Allen was to pass, to shoot the said Allen; but that the said Allen having Notice of the Defign, from a Gentleman, did not go the Road: This Deponent further says, that the said All told him he would foon know him (Mr. Dulany meaning) after he got to Town, and that he would give this Deponent a Pistol, and that if he, this Deponent, would shoot him (Dulany meaning) the said Allen would give this Deponent his Freedom, and Money to carry him off: That this Deponent made Answer, did the said think he, this Deponent, was such a Fool as to shoot any Man in cool Blood: That he had never done him any Harm: That he had always behaved honeftly, and did the faid Allen think he, this Deponent, would do fuch a Thing to get himself hung: That this Deponent told the faid Allen he would not do it for all the Money the said Allen was worth in the World, and desired he would not mention such a Thing to him again: That the said Allen told this Deponent, if he should be catched, he, the said Allen, was so intimate and in Family has be said Allen, that he said Allen, would be the said Allen, would vour with the Governor, that he, the faid Allen, would get him a Reprieve; and that the faid Allen never mentioned it to him again; and further faith not

DAVID ATCHISON. The above Deposition taken, this isth Sept. 1770, before, J. HEPBURN.

MARYLAND, J.

HE DEPOSITION of John Daniel Jaquet, 'aged 25, or thereabouts, who being duly sworn, deposeth and faith. That being in Conversation with David Atchifon, last Night, he heard the said Atchifon say, that he was very forty for what he, the said Atchifon fay, that he was very forty for what he, the said Atchifon say, that he was very sorty for what he, the said Atchifon say, that he was very sorty for what he, the said Atchifon say, that he was very sorty for what he, the said Atchifon say that he was very sorty sorty say that he was very say that had sworn against his Master, the Rev. Bennet Allen, and would go and ask his Pardon, if he was not ashamed, but wished some Body would do it for him; aniamed, but winted force Body would do it for him; and moreover defired the faid Deponent, upon feeing a Light in the faid Allen's Bed-Chamber, to go up to him and tell him, if Allen would give him a Pafs, or a Difcharge, and fome Money, he would go out of the Province, and never appear against the faid Allen could the faid Deponent observed that the said Allen could not give him a Discharge, as it would hurt the said Allen: That then the said Acceipts desired the said Deconent to alk the faid Allen to give him an Order to Dr. Stephens, of Virginia, desiring him to give him a Pass to Santh-Carolina: And further, the faid Atchifes País to Sinth-Carolina: And further, the faid Atchifen faid, that if he had had Money and a País, he would have gone off Yesterday: That the said Atchifen said the said Aller called him a Thief; but that as he brought a Pair of Shoes with him when he came to Mr. Allen, he thought it no Robbery to take a Pair of his Shoes when he ran away, and that he had then a forged Pase. That the said Deponent asked the said Atchifes who put him on the same arming the said Atchifes who put him on the same arming the said Atchifes who put him on the same arming the said Atchifes who put him on the same arming the said Atchifes who put he said is him on to fwear against the faid Allet . That he faid it was Nobody. This Morning the faid Actifus applying to the faid Deponent to speak for him to the faid Alles.

being told that he ought to ask his, the said Allen's, Pardon before Two or Three Gentlemen, he replied, his Spirit was too high; and being told that he ought to tell who put him on, he said, for that he never to tell who put him on, he said, for that he never would tell; but faid, that if he could by any Means get out of the Province, he would not appear at the next Previncial Court, or at any other Time: That the faid Deponent asked him if he had received any the faid Deponent asked minimal me had received any Money; he faid no; but added, that if he told him he would tell it again. And further this Deponent faith, that the faid David Atchifon was very preffing the faith and feather for him, and feather had on him to speak to Mr. Allen for him, and feen last Night and this Morning, much concerned for what

The above Contents the faid Deponent acquainted Mr. Allen of, this Morning, having no Opportunity last Night to acquaint him of it.

Sworn to Sept. 20, 1770, before ROB. COUDEN.

OBSERVATIONS on the above DEPOSITIONS. AVID ATCHISON, an indented Servant, from Ireland, was bought by me at Leefburgh, in Fir-

ginia, in August 1769.

The Conversation on which Atchison founds his Deposition is alleged to have been in the September follow. ing—An abrupt Proposal, without any previous Sounding, without any Examination into his Disposition or Principles, to assassing a Councillor, and one the first Officers in the Province, is faid to have been made to an unknown Vagrant, upon a Trial of only a Month or Six Weeks Service, and never mentioned again, either before or afterwards. What Confidence in his Fidelity, what Security for his Silence, what Proofs of his Attachment could be had on fo thort a Probation? What Folly, or rather Madness, would it have been to have entrufted with a Man under fuch Circumstances, a Secret, on which, not only Mr. W. D's, but my own Life depended? Is it credible that any Person could be so regardless of his own Quiet or Safety? And cught not Atchifon to have been the last Man in the World to whom such a Commission should have been given, which from that Moment would have made him the Master rather than the Servant?
The Time he refers the Conversation to is, after I

had fet out from Frederick County to go to Almapolis, about Ten Days before the Races that were at Amapolis is September 1769-It appears from the Livery-Stable Account that I did not arrive at Annagelis till the 12th Day of Ollaber, so that I could not be supposed to be on the Road from Frederick County to Annapelis any Time in September; and the Races began the 24th Day of Odober, fo that no Date in September could come within Ten Days of them. Attifin stumbles at the Threshold. He might at least have been correct in the Time, if he had had the Matter as much at Heart as he pretends, for a whole Year before; and if Preci-fion were not infifted on in an Accusation of this Consequence, no Man could be safe, because it is impossible rove a Negative; but by Circumilances.

If an Accusation be not made as soon as an Oppor-tunity offers; it always is held as a strong Presumption of the Innocence of the Party accused; but Archifon had many Opportunities. He deposes the Conversation to have been in September : I did not quit Annayelis till November the 15th; here was Latitude enough for unburthening his Conscience, which always operates most forcibly on first Impressions. Another Opportunity offered on my Return to Amapelis the 24th of laft March, where I flayed till the 30th; and a third of-fered on my coming here the 3d of May, where I re-mained till the 17th. After neglecting to make an immediate Discovery, and to use the several subsequent Opportunities, a Plea of Conscience now, after a Year is elapsed, for laying this Information can only be looked upon as a horrid Prostitution of that sacred Word to the vilest Purposes-It is probable he conceived this wicked Scheme some Time before he put it in execution. He dropt some dark Hints to Mr. Bruce in June 1770; but this was not till after he grew uneasy in his Service, after he ran away and was retaken, after he used every possible Means to shake off his Indentures, and at the very Time that he applied to Mr. Chase for

The Manner in which the Dispute was carried on hetween Mr. W. D. and myfelf is too notorious to need Repetition; I have long fince forgiven and forgot it. A final Suspension of Hottilities was agreed on, by the Mediation of Mr. John Hammond, in November 1768-He was present at the last Rencounter we had, and conducted Mr. W. D. home-He came afterwards to my House, and said he was commissioned by Mr. W. D. to inform me, that if I had not attacked him then; he would not have attacked me, and for the future, if no Attack fould be made on my Side, none fould be on his. These Words I flated in a Hand-Bill I published at that Time, and promifed, under my Hand; to accede to the Proposal. This Truce has been rigidly kept on my side, even in Intention; it must be very extraordinary therefore, that so horrid a Thought as that of Assassian

floud arise after so long a Suspension of Animosity.

The Tale itself, as stated by Atchism, is too absurd to need Resutation. And surther this Deponent says, that the said Allen told him be would from how him (Mr. Dulany meaning) after he got to Town, and that he ewould give this Deponent a Pifel, and that if he, this Deewould foot bim (Dulany meaning) the faid Allen ponent, would fisce isim (Dulany meaning) the faid Allen would give this Deponent his Freedam, and Money to carry him off.—And he goes on, that the faid Allen sold the faild Deponent, that if he fresh be catch'd, he, the fail Allen, was fo intimate, and in Favour with the Governor, that he; the faid Allen, would get him a Repriew, and that the faild Allen never mentioned it to him again; and further faith motoral. Villain who could not invent a more plausible Tale descrives no Reprieve.

Awagrant Stranger is directed to come to Annaphis to discover, by Intuition, a Gentleman he never six

to discover, by Intuition, a Gentleman he never faw before, whose Christian Name is not mentioned, or Perfon described, to take a Pistol, shoot one of the first Men in Government, within, the Town, Des this tell well? How is he to escape fre of flying? If he is caught be is to have It my Favour with the Governor were et al. I have too good an Opinion of his policy to suppose he could pardon a Crim Die-Was his Freedom, and a fmall Su carry him off, an adequate Reward for Was not the Attempt dangerous in the Esparently fatal high the Confequences? Chief of a Particle of e of a Fardon, even supposing it atticient Inducement to a Man to run the rg hanged? In a Word, would not a in impracticable, or, after all, an App against the Criminal? It appears t fideration was offered equivalent to t Attempt, or Punishment of the Crime But when we consider that the Media W. D. and myfelf was made in No hat the Application to Atchion was, as a temper 1769, and the publick Disco tember 1770: That no Consequences om it; no Overt-act against Mr. W. D' ints, no Apprehensions of Danger fro -The Matter, if defi incions !nive been most naturally carried into E seen November 1768, and September 176 numents were warm, and Animostics for oled Mention of it in September 1769; and ever fince, shows no very murderous Though this vile Attempt is chiefly owir ove of Liberty; yet it more immediate and Quarrel that happened the Day bei e D-position, in Mrs. Middleton's Fami ne and complained to me that they infi ard he had faid fome very scandalous T a took him finartly to talk about it. I ascal, and said he made Disturbances in he was in. Ho was very angry I wou s Cause, and mortified at a Circum harged him with: That Day, in a Fit of made the Deposition. I hope the Candid ther Tales with the same Reserve they re m. He has a Talent of blackening iders, by which he has often deceived the more likely to deceive a Stranger. John Danie: Jaquet, the Second Depor Commissary's Office, and Mr. Valette g ade Inquiry before I accepted his Depo Atchifon's Contrition for what 1 s Shame, his Defire of Pardon, and mo his preffing for his Discharge, leave oubt that to gain that was the Ground is Infinuation that he was fet on, and as wicked as it is an artful Palliation of nd it is very probable, that had I con eat with him, I might have got a Depo effect.—Jaquet had different Conve he greatest Sorrow and Concern, and ad and fold him to a Man at the Warm ould have given me some Land for the S Money, or to a Gentleman who propose here, he never would have laid such as he could not go further without running oling his Ears, by his own Confession.

The Law, in this Case, is however hard n a Recognizance of 200 l. with a Secu o appear to answer the Accusation of an ant at the next Provincial Court, who is own Recognizance, and who, hy flyin the Punishment which the direct Perjus Servant against his Master, deserves.

This Country is unfortunately circum ard to Servants; the most abandoned of finement, averse to Labour, and impati their native Country, and resume the Pra Vices they are precluded the Use of here any Attempt to shake off the Yoke. Woods was too remote a Scene of Action Michigan's Abilities, and rather than rerupled not to attempt the Ruin of his erjured himself. When to the Abhorre ade, is added the Disgrace of a Runaw ers would, I fear, be safe, if their Life spended on such an Bridence. How e Villain the smallest Hints of Dislike ed into a hostile Intention, or the Pi efence, into the Instruments of Affaffin the Justice of Mankind to determine. Though I do not intend anticipating the Publick, yet I thought it necession hose violent Prejudices which first Impr and which is more particularly necessary of the Character with which I am investigation pect the Opinion of made it my particular Study to cultivate and Affection of all my loving Friends; o mination, in Frederick County, not, I flatte but some Success, I hope that the Temple Concord, which I have been working up Year, in the Minds of my Parishioners verturned in a Moment, by the Blaft of robable, self-interested an Accusation.

THE DEPOSITION of the Reverend Rector of All-Saints Parish, in Free pland, who being duly fworn, depose That whereas his Servant, David Atchi-posed, that the said Allen made a Propos settember 1769, that the faid Allen was effected and teld him; if (Atchifon) would be. Dulany, after be came to Town, to Anthrowship would for know) the faid Allen would reed m, and Money to carry him off a That.